

**White Paper on the present status of PSUs**

56. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to issue a White Paper on the present status of the Public Sector Units in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to shut down profit making and no loss-no profit making units also;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of employees given VRS in PSUs in the country during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) A White Paper on the Public Sector Undertakings under the administrative control of the Department of Heavy Industry is under preparation.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Around 19000 employees in the PSUs under the administrative control of the Department of Heavy Industry have availed the benefits of VRS during the last three years.

**PSUs in Assam**

57. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of public sector undertakings functioning at present in the State of Assam, location-wise/PSUs-wise;

(b) the details of total amount invested in each of them during the last three years; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to set up PSUs in the State during the Ninth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI